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Minutes

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:30 pm

This meeting was held in person as well as by video teleconference.

Meeting ID#: 812 5185 1115

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1. Meeting Called to Order
 - a. **The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Secretary Wilson Freeland.**
2. Recognition of Persons Attending the Meeting
 - a. **APAB: Secretary Wilson Freeland, Thomas Briscoe, Walter Wells, James Dowell, and Steven Oberg**
 - b. **Absent: Alternate Charles Spicknall**
 - c. **Staff: Jennifer David, Summer Roen**
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. **A motion to approve the agenda was made by Thomas Briscoe. The motion was seconded by Walter Wells and passed unanimously.**
4. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. May 1, 2023
 - i. **A motion to approve the May minutes as written was made by Walter Wells. The motion was seconded by Thomas Briscoe and passed unanimously.**
5. Old Business
 - a. **None**
6. New Business
 - a. Officer Elections
 - i. **A motion to elect Wilson Freeland as Chair of the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board was made by Steven Oberg. The motion was seconded by Thomas Briscoe and passed unanimously with one abstention by Wilson Freeland.**
 - ii. **A motion to elect Steven Oberg as Vice Chair of the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board was made by Thomas Briscoe. The motion was seconded by Walter Wells and passed unanimously with one abstention by Steven Oberg.**
 - iii. **A motion to elect James Dowell as Secretary of the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board was made by Walter Wells. The motion was seconded by Thomas Briscoe and passed unanimously with one abstention by James Dowell.**
 - b. Request for Approval of Dwelling Location in APD 03-20
 - i. **The members reviewed and discussed the application for approval of the location of a primary residence on Agricultural Preservation District 2003-20 (APD 03-20). The property in question is known as Lot 1 of the Hunt Woods Estate subdivision and is located at 50 Pheasant Court in Huntingtown. Lot 1 is the last undeveloped buildable lot within the APD. Per County records TDRs were allocated at the time of subdivision. A motion to approve the proposed dwelling location as**

submitted was made by Walter Wells. The motion was seconded by Thomas Briscoe and passed unanimously.

7. Program Updates

a. Board Membership Update

- i. Staff informed members that Steven Oberg has joined as the newest member. This leaves one position to be filled, the alternate position, which is being advertised. No new applications have been received as of the meeting date.
- ii. Staff updated members on the status of the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Committee. Currently, the Committee is inactive. There has been very little activity on the Committee for the last ten years, and the last person to serve on the Committee was Thomas Hance.

b. Rules and Regulations Update

- i. The board was made aware that the proposed Rules and Regulations are being reviewed by senior staff and then will be sent to the County Attorney's Office. They will be brought to the board at the July meeting.

c. PAR Cycle Update

- i. The board was made aware that since the May 1st meeting, another \$200,000 in PAR payments have been made, equaling 40 additional TDRs retired. In the past month three additional packages have been approved and payments of \$395,000 (79 TDRs) are currently being processed. Staff is waiting on the final submission of the last of the eligible and approved applications. When they are received, we are anticipating another \$287,500 in sales (57.5 TDRs). This year's cycle will be concluded at the end of the fiscal year, which is the last day of June. If all PAR sales go through as expected, there will be \$820,866 rolled over from the FY 2023 budget.
- ii. The board was given the proposed 2023 PAR schedule and made aware that at the July 2023 meeting a recommendation for the proposed FY 2024 PAR purchase price will need to be made.

8. Public Comment

There is a time limit of 2 minutes for individuals, or 5 minutes if speaking as the designated representative of an organization.

- a. **None**

9. Announcements

- a. **Tom McCarthy, who has spent 17 years with DNR with the Rural Legacy Program, is leaving. Katrina Tucker and Shaun Clotworthy will be the Rural Legacy contacts for Calvert County.**
- b. **There will be a round table discussion with the Maryland Environmental Trust on June 28th. The topic will be Conservation and Restoration Resources.**
- c. **The APAB was presented with a request from the Board of County Commissioners to hold a special meeting to hear and vote on APAB approvals needed to rectify existing violations at Running Hare Vinyard on APD 1983-05. A motion to not hold a special meeting to hear the case for Running Hare was made by Thomas Briscoe. The motion was seconded by Walter Wells and passed unanimously. If the complete application package is provided by the deadline, the case will be heard at the regular July 3rd meeting.**
- d. **At the June 5, 2023 meeting, no closed items(s) were discussed.**

Closed to the public pursuant to General Provisions Article §3-305 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

10. Recess, subject to Motion of Privilege for Closed Meeting

- a. **At this meeting, there were no closed item(s) to discuss.**

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11. Next Meeting – July 3, 2023 at 7:30 pm

12. Adjourn

- a. **A motion to adjourn was made by Thomas Briscoe at 8:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Walter Wells and passed unanimously.**

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